

Introduced by

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the Department of Water Resources)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-05-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the formation of irrigation districts.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-05-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **61-05-10. Hearing on petition - Notice - ReportDetermination on feasibility - Copy of**
7 **reportdetermination filed - Submitted to electors.**

8 The department of water resources shall examine the petition, maps, papers, probable cost,
9 and data pertaining to the proposed irrigation district and shall fix a time and place for hearing
10 the petition. A notice stating the petition will be heard, and stating the time and place of hearing,
11 must be filed with the county auditor of each county in which the proposed district is located.
12 The notice must be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the newspapers of
13 general circulation where the district is located and in the official newspaper of each county in
14 which the district is located. The date set for the hearing on the petition may not be less than
15 twenty days after the first publication of the notice. Before the hearing the department shall
16 review the maps, preliminary designs, probable cost, and feasibility study and shall prepare, or
17 shall cause to be prepared a ~~summary report showing the probable cost of the proposed~~
18 ~~irrigation works and~~determination outlining the practicability and feasibility of the plan of
19 irrigation suggested or proposed by petitioners for the irrigation of the lands within the district. A
20 copy of the ~~report~~determination must be filed with the county auditor of each county in which the
21 proposed irrigation district is situated, and the ~~report~~determination must be open to public
22 inspection. The department of water resources also shall submit the ~~report~~determination to the
23 electors of the proposed district at the meeting set for hearing the petition for the organization of
24 the proposed district.